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1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, IT IS EXPECTED THAT DAV WILL PRESSURE THE EMBASSY TO ACCEPT NEW CHANCERY AND BEGIN RENTAL PAYMENTS ON NOVEMBER 1.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 OF REF B, IF BUILDING IS ACCEPTED BY EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 1, EMBASSY SEES NO REASON WHY SEABEES COULD NOT COMMENCE WORK IMMEDIATELY. EXTRA MARINES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONSEC AS SOON AS BUILDING IS ACCEPTED BY EMBASSY. BEFORE EMBASSY CAN FURTHER NEGOTIATE WITH DAV, DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND DECISIONS ARE NEEDED ON QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF A. ONCE BUILDING IS ACCEPTED, EMBASSY WILL BRING IN BUILDING SUPPLIES NEEDED AS THESE CAN THEN BE SAFE-STORED WITHIN BUILDING.

3. TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT FROM BONN EXPECTED IN BERLIN THIS WEEK. BONN ROC IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE SYSTEM INSTALLATION COULD BE INITIATED MID-NOVEMBER UTILIZING ONE BONN CEO WITH CHRISTMAS PERIOD INTERRUPTION IF NECESSARY. EMBASSY INTERPRETS THIS TO MEAN THAT TELEPHONE SYSTEM INSTALLTION, INCLUDING SYSTEM
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FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, COULD TAKE UP TO TWO MONTHS

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TO COMPLETE. FOR ABVIOUS REASONS, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER
TO DELAY MOVE UNTIL CHANCERY INSTALLATION (AND SEABEE PRO-
JECTS ON THIRD FLOOR) IS COMPLETED.

4. EMBASSY REGRETS IT WAS NOT MORE EXPLICIT WITH REGARD
TO PARA . 10 OF REF A. WHAT WAS INTENDED WAS THAT THE
EMBASSY WOULD ACCEPT THE BUILDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PROVIDED DAV AGREES TO COMPLETE ITS OBLIGATIONS AFTER
ACCEPTANCE AND OCCUPANCY BY USG. WHAT RSO RECOMMENDS IS
THAT SEABEE SPECIAL PROJECT WORK ON FIRST, SECOND AND
THIRD FLOORS BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY FOR COMPLETION BY
US PERSONNEL. WHEN THESE ARE DONE, DAV WOULD THEN BE
REQUESTED THAT IT COMPLETE ITS OBLIGATIONS. THIS WOULD
NOT PERMIT EAST GERMAN WORKMEN TO SEE WHAT WORK EMBASSY
SEABEES CARRY OUT AND WOULD ALSO GIVE THE EMBASSY
OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE DAV BETTER SURVEILLANCE WITH LESS
TDY PERSONNEL.
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